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Senate Begins 2016 with Bipartisan Session

[Madison, WI] Today the Wisconsin Senate met for the first time this year to debate a number of bills with support from both sides of the aisle. Five joint resolutions, fifteen Senate Bills, and three Assembly Bills were passed, all with bipartisan support.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) released the following statement:

“I believe that we have gotten the New Year off to a great start with a calendar consisting entirely of bipartisan legislation, including several measures that address one of our major goals for this session: increasing public safety in Wisconsin.

While more divisive proposals often garner greater public attention, it is important to recognize that over ninety percent of the bills approved by Wisconsin’s legislature have support from both parties. Today was a good reminder of this cooperative spirit, and a great start to a very productive Spring Session.”

Several bills on the day’s agenda advanced a session priority of increasing statewide public safety with an emphasis on protecting children. These include a proposal to restrict the sale of novelty lighters to minors, legislation granting a victim advocate to victims of sexual assault, human trafficking, or child abuse, a bill to increase the penalty for engaging in repeated acts of child abuse, and two proposals which expand protections for children in out-of-home care.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represent the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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